

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species: Ring opening, isomerization, alkylation, hydrocarbon reforming, hydrogenation and dehydrogenation.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species ring opening, with traverse.

Claim(s) 15-17 are readable on the elected species. As acknowledged by the Examiner, at least claim(s) 15-17 are generic.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Susan W. Gorman, Registration No. 47,604 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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